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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP 1713

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q54675

MATSUO, KENJI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/326,691

Group Art Unit: 1713

Confirmation No.: 4511

Examiner: P. Mulcahy

Filed: June 7, 1999

For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND PNEUMATIC TIRE USING SAID RUBBER
COMPOSITION

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 20 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

21 (amended). A pneumatic tire according to claim 19, wherein the side reinforcing
layers and/or bead fillers further comprise a rubber composition comprising a compound A
having two or more ester groups in one molecule, in the amount of 0.5 to 20 parts by weight per
100 parts by weight of the rubber component.



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